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In the Application of:

RICHARD ROFFERS

Serial No. 09/666,000

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For: Method and Apparatus for Reducing High  
Voltage Breakdown Events in X-Ray Tubes

Examiner: Craig E. Church

Group Art Unit: 2882

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DATE: December 12, 2001**AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001, the period for response to which runs to December 13, 2001, applicant submits the following claim amendments and remarks which are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding issues.

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An X-ray tube subsystem comprising:

an X-ray tube including a grid connected to a grid bias connection, a cathode connected to a filament bias connection, an anode connected to an anode bias connection; and